

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5-6 and 26-41 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1 and 5 are amended, claims 2-4 and 7-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 26-41 are added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments or the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant sincerely acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 4-5 define patentable subject matter. However, for at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims define patentable subject matter.

A. The Office Action objects to the disclosure for informalities. Applicant respectfully submits the above amendments obviate the grounds for the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

B. The Office Action objects to claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits the above amendments obviate the grounds for the objection. Withdrawal of the objection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

C. The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0071673 to Kaihara et al. (hereafter "Kaihara"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that allowable subject matter from claim 4 is incorporated into claim 1. For at least that reason, Applicant respectfully submits claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claim 6 depends from claim 1 and defines patentable subject matter for at least that reason as well as its additionally recited features. Claims 2-3 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6 under §102 is respectfully requested.

D. Claims 26-41 are newly added by this Amendment and believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 26-32 depend from claim 1 and therefore define patentable subject matter for at least that reason as well as their additionally recited features. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 33 and 41 define patentable subject matter for at least reasons similar to claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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